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### **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **Concord Police Dept. to host Coffee with a Cop on June 26<sup>th</sup>** **Program offers opportunity to meet local officers, discuss community issues**

CONCORD, NH - On June 26, 2015 the Concord Police will be hosting its second “Coffee with a Cop” event. Officers from the Concord Police Department and community members will come together in an informal, neutral space to discuss community issues, build relationships, and drink coffee. “Coffee with a Cop” provides a unique opportunity for community members to ask questions and learn more about the Department’s work in Concord’s neighborhoods. All community members are invited to attend. The event is being held between 9:00 am and 11:00 am on June 26 at The Works, 42 N Main Street, Concord, NH.

The majority of contacts law enforcement has with the public happen during emergencies, or emotional situations. Those situations are not always the most effective times for relationship building with the community and some community members may feel that officers are unapproachable on the street. “Coffee with a Cop” breaks down barriers and allows for a relaxed, one-on-one interaction.

We hope that community members will feel comfortable to ask questions, bring concerns, or simply get to know our officers

“Coffee with a Cop” is a national initiative supported by The United States Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services. Similar events are being held across the county, as local police departments strive to make lasting connections with the communities they serve.

The program aims to advance the practice of community policing through improving relationships between police officers and community members one cup of coffee at a time.

Please contact Lieutenant John Thomas or Officer Ryan Howe with any questions at (603) 225-8600.

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